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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of the reference listed on attached form PTO-1449. A legible copy of the reference listed on the form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

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- (2) the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

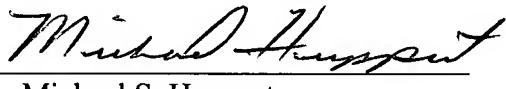
- a. a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,

- c. the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,
- d. the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

5. A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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